

## People's Command to the Senate

Paradoxical as it may seem, when unfaithful public servants apparently are most successful in their disobedience of law and the public will, they are doing more to hasten the day of legislation that will guard all the stronger the rights of the people.

This is the real meaning of the fact announced for the first time by the North American yesterday, that the legislatures of thirty-one states—the required two-thirds—have adopted resolutions favoring the election of United States senators by a direct vote and calling upon congress to take the necessary steps to amend the constitution.

We think that this news startled most readers. We have no doubt that the majority of citizens, at first bluish, felt alarm at this unsuspected progress of radical sentiment in other trans-Mississippi states and those of the south, concerning which too many easterners have no knowledge, but just an uneasy feeling that they are sections cruelly devoted to demagoguery and dangerous revolutionary theorizing.

It should, we think, give all pause for thought when they note that included in the states formally recorded by their legislatures as demanding this radical departure are Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

This demand is not the creation of demagogues or revolutionaries. All citizens who so believe are short-sighted and in error. It is the work of Aldrich and Hale and Gallinger and Smoot and Penrose and Lorimer and their kind, who, in the present, are sent to Washington to misrepresent their states by grace of corrupt or incompetent legislatures, that register the will not of the people, but of utterly vicious state and city machines.

It is part of the legacy of the past which a careless people permitted to be shaped by Quay and Gorman and Foraker and Platt and the other soiled senators of their sort.

The wrongdoers have done what wrongdoers always do. In excess of evil they have opened the people's eyes to evils to which they had been blind. And so, as ever

the world moves forward, helped to the ultimate good by dint of the temporarily successful and therefore disheartening efforts of the forces most eager to retard progress.

We are not prepared to say that this extreme change in our electoral system would be the right, immediate remedy. We regard it merely as a sign of the times, scarcely calling for discussion, that would be only academic as long as Cannonism and Aldrichism dominate the national congress.

For this expression of the will of two-thirds of the states will not reach further than the pigeonhole of the desk of some committee chairman.

The smoothly phrased, plausible excuse of devotion to such rigid adherence to the letter of the law as to defeat its spirit has been somewhat overworked since last March. But it is due to be lugged out once more.

The constitution declares that "on the application of the legislatures of two-thirds of the several states" congress shall adopt a resolution providing for a constitutional convention to make such changes in the constitution as will make that instrument accord with the will of the people.

But the constitution provides no way to compel congress to put into effect the will of the people so long as the people fail to send to congress only such men as are honestly desirous of doing the people's will.

So there will be elaborate explaining that the action of some of the legislatures did not constitute an "application," but amounted only to a "statement" or a "declaration." And, therefore, in their reverence for the law the honorable senators and representatives will feel bound to conclude that no message fit for their consideration has been sent to Washington by those various states.

But what these men can not check is the knowledge that this discussion will impart to the people of that wise provision of the constitution that causes favorable action of a state upon a proposed constitutional amendment to stand for all time.

There is just one job too big for all the predatory powers combined—the control of every state in the union every year.

One by one, this year, next year or a dozen years hence, the distant and diversified communities that compose America will align themselves for the right and the general good. This gradual action toward a concerted protest against the unfaith of past and present senators is just a warning and a certain sign that the American spirit moves forward always.—Editorial in Philadelphia North American, Rep.

## Wedding Reception

A reception was tendered Mr. and Mrs. Adam Gallier Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ramer Janssen north of Clifton. The affair was attended by a number of friends of the young people. An excellent dinner was served. The afternoon was spent in social conversation, and in the evening the young folks enjoyed themselves in various ways. Mr. and Mrs. Gallier will occupy the Isern farm southeast of Ellinwood, and no doubt their home will be the scene of many gatherings of young folks. We had the pleasure of attending the reception Sunday, and enjoyed it very much.

A prominent south side farmer remarked to us a few days ago, "There are about 75 signs of Great Bend business men posted along the road from Hart's corner to the bridge, each one inviting us to trade at a certain place, but when we get to town, we can't find a place to tie our teams. Would it not be a good idea for some of these merchants to use a little of the money they use for advertising to provide hitching racks for the city on the west side of the square, or else induce the city council to make such provision?" He is absolutely correct, so far as relates to the city council. These racks are needed, and should be replaced.

Jake Damm is building a residence on Williams street, next to the former Moss property, which he also owns, for rental purposes.

## Notice of Publication Service

First Publication in the Barton County Democrat on the 21st day of October A. D. 1909.

In the District Court of Barton County, and State of Kansas.

Ferdinand F. Durheim, plaintiff, vs. Henry A. Ryland and wife—Ryland, whose Christian name is to plaintiff unknown, if living and if dead, then to their unknown heirs, devisees, administrators, executors and trustees of said parties and each of them, defendants.

The State of Kansas, greeting, to Henry A. Ryland and wife—Ryland whose Christian name is to plaintiff unknown, if living and if dead, then to their unknown heirs, devisees, administrators, executors and trustees of said parties defendants. You and each of you are hereby notified that you have been sued in the District Court of Barton County, and State of Kansas, by Ferdinand F. Durheim as plaintiff and you and each of you must answer the petition filed by plaintiff in said Court on or before the 3d day of December, A. D., 1909, or said petition of plaintiff will be taken as true and judgment will be rendered against you and each of you quieting the title in plaintiff in and to Lot No. Six, Block No. Nineteen in the City of Hoisington, Barton County, and State of Kansas, according to the recorded plat thereof, as against each of you and barring and enjoining each and all of you from asserting any right, title, interest and estate or any part thereof.

J. B. PROSE  
Attorney For Plaintiff

SEAL.  
Attest: S. M. KELLAM,  
Clerk of the District Court of Barton County, Kansas.

Albert Lile of Pawnee Rock, was a visitor in the city last Friday.

Mrs. Charles Andrae and daughter Mrs. Will Howard were up from Ellinwood Saturday.

S. M. Buckbee returned from the west Friday. He has been holding down a claim up in Wichita county. He will remain here for the winter.



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W. P. Rubart was east Friday. Frank McCracken returned on Saturday morning from a business trip to Kansas City.

Mrs. F. H. Brack of Otis was in town on business Saturday.

Miss Lela Iten of Ellinwood visited friends here Sunday.

From every section of the county the reports are that wheat is coming up in fine shape, and the indications are that it is going into winter in good condition.

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